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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/751,757
Filing Date	Dec. 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	SHAFFER, et al.
Group Art Unit	2645
Examiner Name	Ming Chow
Attorney Docket Number	062891.0418

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply – Request for Continued Examination – 14 pages
- ii. ☒ Baker Botts L.L.P. return receipt postcard (1 postcard)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.
- i. RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the RCE basic filing fee.
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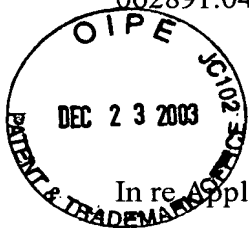
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SHAFFER, et al.
Serial No.: 09/751,757
Filing Date: December 29, 200
Group Art Unit: 2645
Examiner: Ming Chow
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
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